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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Save Coney Islanders (SCI) is a grassroots organization committed to the preservation and future operation of Sunlite Pool on the Coney Island property in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Since the stunning December 14, 2023 announcement of the purchase and closing of Coney Island by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) / Music and Events Management Inc. (MEMI), members of the SCI have been signing petitions, writing letters/emails, publishing articles, posting on social media, holding meetings, organizing rallies, fundraising, distributing flyers, and attending community meetings in order to raise awareness about the 99 years of collective living history contained in Coney Island's Sunlite Pool, the "world's largest recirculating pool". But Sunlite Pool is not a relic of history, it is a vibrant community oasis that has served ALL up until last summer, and the public outpouring of emotion surrounding its closing has been nothing short of staggering.

In 1984, the ten acres of land that MEMI's Riverbend was built upon was DONATED to the CSO by Coney Island. The CSO has benefited financially ever since. The Save Coney Islanders had hoped that the CSO would acknowledge this generous history and as a thank you to the citizens of Cincinnati for their support, would DONATE Sunlite Pool to Anderson Township for continued operation. In January, Anderson Township "made it clear to the CSO that we are interested in the property within Anderson Township, which obviously includes Sunlite Pool." Yet the CSO and MEMI have made no public acknowledgement of this history of goodwill or their intention to donate the pool to Anderson Township.

To this end the Save Coney Islanders are offering the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra the fair market value of \$145,454 for the 2 acres that Sunlite Pool occupies. As the pool was never listed for sale on the open market it seems only reasonable that the CSO should consider this offer, or make a counteroffer. CSO, show your gratitude to the citizens of Cincinnati and sell Sunlite Pool to the SCI, so that we can preserve our community pool for future generations.

Since 1925 Sunlite Pool, located in Cincinnati's historic Coney Island park, has been the heart of our community.

It is our mission to save and pass on this historic pool for future generations.

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